

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO

THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Reading materials for Vienna

Here are the beginnings of some of the interesting dope on Vienna, to wit:

1. Conversations of various people with Khrushchev; the Humphrey, Nixon and Eisenhower ones seem most interesting to me.
2. Background on Berlin. The green-covered volume has an excellent chapter summarizing the discussions of 1959, in which there was more meat than in any other recent year.
3. The brown book, "Background of Heads of Government Conference, 1960" has two important papers. On page 295 is the initial Khrushchev "ultimatum" of 1958, and on page 461 ff. are the Camp David communique and following news conferences.
4. The orange book for the Foreign Ministers Meeting at Geneva contains important texts to which reference is made in the chapter on Berlin and the U. S. and world affairs. Together, these documents give the essence of the Berlin story as it has been in the past.
5. I also attach ^{all} Thompson's dispatches, and one from Lightner in Berlin which shows his hard view as against Lippmann at lunch.
6. Finally, I attach from CIA an interesting short analysis of Khrushchev's character and style.

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also briefing and talking papers on Paris & Vienna (just arrived)